

IMPROVED PLATEN PRESS

Abstract

A method and an apparatus for varying the dwell parameters for a platen press are disclosed. The method involves creating an impression force between first and second platens using a driven biasing member where movement of the member is controlled by a tensioner. The apparatus includes a driven biasing member that is linked to at least one of the first and second platens that form the press and a tensioner linked to the biasing member. The bias and tensioner permit the dwell time to be extended and allows the impression force between the platens to be variably applied.